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THE DEXTER FAMILY OF MILAN, MICHIGAN: AN ESSAY WRITTEN BY JAMES HARLAND FULLER TO HIS NEPHEW ALVA R. DEXTER, 1897

Contributed by Martha Churchill, Milan, Michigan

This essay was written by James Harland Fuller to his nephew Alva R. Dexter. James was born in the State of New York in 1825. His parents were Levi and Daraxa (McLouth) Fuller. His sister, Annis C. Fuller, was Alva's mother. The Fuller family moved from the State of New York to York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan in 1833 bringing with them Alva's father, William Dexter, and William's brothers. William would later marry Annis C. Fuller and build a large home on his farm just north of Milan, about where the Big Boy restaurant is today. "Dexter Street" in Milan is named for his family. The essay is archived in the Milan Public Library, Milan, Michigan.

[Editor Note: Comments by the contributor have been added to the transcript within brackets, and as necessary for clarity, the editors have inserted information using bracketed italics.]

Columbus, Kansas
Feb. 28, 1897

Alva Dexter:

Before you left here, you remember that you requested me to write up what I know of the history of your Father [William Dexter] and his Brothers, Thomas, Joseph, and John. That set me a thinking, and I am inclined to think that at the present time I am your only surviving relative, except Alva, [probably Alva Ryan Fuller, born 1815] that has known your father and his brothers since they first landed on the shores of America, and it is well for you to know something of your origin. But as I look forward to the task, I only wish it could have fallen to the lot of some less bungling old scribbler than myself. But I have made it a rule of my life to do the best I can, so here goes, without apologies.

J. H. Fuller

About the year 1830, your grandfather [William] Dexter [born 1776 in England] came to Wayne County, township of Salem, State of New York. He stopped at the village of Clyde where William Wardle, an old acquaintance, worked and had already purchased a 20 acre farm with a small house. Your grandfather was soon introduced to my father [Levi Fuller] and soon became a frequent visitor at our house. I still retain a fair idea of his looks, a fresh, plump, fair, full faced, hearty looking, middle aged or a little past perhaps; his hair just beginning to silver nicely, another just such looking man as your Uncle John was a few years ago. I remember him as a resolute, ambitious worker. I know he helped my father with his hay and harvest which had to be done with scythe and sickle. He told the folks he was shipwrecked and had lost his baggage, and part of his money and clothes in coming to America; that he came from Leicestershire, England, and from the village of Leicester or near it; that he was a farmer by profession, had accumulated some property and had come to America like thousands of others, thinking to better the condition of his boys. The name and owner of the farm, I have forgotten, but the house they had lived in was an old castle with moat, drawbridge, walls, subterranean passage and it was understood to be one of the old Cromwellian historical castles, but according to the description given by them, had been occupied simply as a farm house.

The next spring, his wife [*Sarah (Simpson) Dexter*] and four boys [*Thomas, born 1811; Joseph, born 1813; William, born 1814; and John, born 1820*] arrived [*from England*] and moved into Wardles house. The boys got work as best they could (there was plenty to do). I

remember that Thomas worked at Lyons for a time for a man by the name of Burnett. My recollection is that within a year, your grandmother died and in the spring of 1832, your grandfather's health failed and my father and mother having nursed and cared for them as best they could, and he having no house keeper (for Wardle was a bachelor) our folks took him home (for it was at least one and a half miles to their house) and nursed him as best they could; but he got worse and worse, and after a few weeks (I don't pretend to be exact in dates) I remember being in the bedroom and hearing him tell my father, in substance, that he was satisfied and that his time was short, and he was anxious for the care of those boys who were now to be left alone in a strange land, and he called for his purse, and took what money he had and told my father what to do with it. I don't know just how much he had, but he gave some to each of the boys and gave ten sovereigns to him for John [*he was only age 12 at the time*], and left the boys to be looked after and provided with places or houses. Of course there were other neighbors present, for it was one of those cases in which generosity, and benevolence, interests a whole neighborhood. After a few days the end came, and soon after, Joseph [Dexter] was installed at Ananias Wells, the supervisor of the Township where he stayed until he was of age. William [Dexter], your father, went to a man by the name of Annin, and John [Dexter] had a home with Deacon Blakeman, Uncle Mason's father. Thomas [Dexter] was old enough to work out and take care of himself. I remember that he had a long job threshing at our house with a flail, and then boarded at our house and chopped wood and sold to the Canal boats.

I think it was early in 1832 that Thomas [Dexter] and Melissa [Fuller] were married and in the fall of 1833 my father [Levi Fuller] sold his farm, and the whole outfit, excepting Joseph [*Dexter*], went to Michigan and settled on what is now called Dexter Street. Thomas Dexter bought the 80 acres lying east of Oscar Loveland's. William Fuller bought the 80 east of it where Finch and John Dexter farm is. My father bought 160 of the old homestead—the 80 where Belcher and Austin is; the old man Knickerbocker 40; the Harrington 120; and 80 acres that John Dexter owns 40 of.

Alva, draw on your imagination and begin at Detroit and see only a small town scattered along up and down the river with a thinly settled country, with just a wagon track through the brush, with a little settlement at Dearborn and an occasional small farm clear up to Ypsilanti, which required one and a half day to reach (although a very dry time) with one span of horses and wagon; with Father and Mother, Thomas [*Dexter*] and Melissa [*(Fuller) Dexter*], Annis [*Fuller*] and James [*Fuller*], Levi, John, Thomas, and Cromwell [*Fuller*], with John Dexter formed that gang. Your father with Alva [*Fuller*], John Hadley, and Ben Jacklin put out on foot. Old man Perkins bought a pony in Detroit and rode out by himself. Uncle Utter [Fuller] had stopped off at Huron, Ohio and went to where Mason and Tinza had been all the summer before, and came on with them a few weeks later.

If you could get a correct picture of that gang, you would see the elements that made Dexter Street reaching from Milan to the Ridge Road. [Ridge Road is now called Stony Creek Road]

Ypsilanti at that time was a little town of about 300 inhabitants scattered along the Chicago Turnpike on both sides of the river, for nearly one mile, with just one grist mill and a saw mill. The turnpike had been finished the year before. We followed it to the McCracken Tavern, then turned south across the country down to Basoms, turned off across the valley south west, saw no house until we came to Davis's on the farm where Othniel Gooding now lives. The next day on two afternoons, we settled down in Dillons house and a jolly lot we were and everybody rejoiced. Remember that was October 1833, and then and there life in the forest commenced in earnest. Oh, if you kids could only realize what it cost your parents

to create those mansions that you are now enjoying, you would not feel like ridiculing your poor old Uncle Jim or any of the older people that paved the way for the present generation. The truth is they were beavers, every one, and did their work nobly and established one of the most moral and industrious, and consequently thrifty settlements in the country.

Use your imagination again and see nineteen men's shirts including old and young, in the wash each week, and twenty four mouths for supper each night, including the female portion of the family, and you will have a picture of what actually occurred. Of course, provisions were cheap—wheat, fifty cents; pork three dollars per hundred, and potatoes about eighteen cents for a pound.

Your father got work soon at William Richards who then owned a farm near Shepards Mill, as Libbie Blakeslee can tell you.

My older brothers took to hunting and killed 43 deer that fall, many of them just close by where Gilletts house now stands, by watching the run way about day light.

Now, try your imagination again. Look at that country with only 20 acres of new cleaned land on the Dillon farm, about 15 on the Davis farm, and perhaps 15 acres on the 80 that the York Church is on. Not a road anywhere, a little saw mill over south of Mooreville, and no Ridge Road. My father [Levi Fuller] made the first rack from the York Church to Mooreville; there was only one house on that route and that is where McIntyre is. It was two years after that before the Ridge road was laid out and then only opened to Wheelers from the west. It was several years before it was opened, we used to turn north and go by Starks, then east to Redners to get to Ypsilanti.

Well, from October to January is a short time to buy land, cut fields, and build even a rude house twenty feet square; but we did build two of them, one for your uncle Thomas [*Dexter*] and one for our folks [*Levi and Daraxa Fuller*]. Just think of taking a green bashful boy of twelve years into the woods, three fourths of a mile from any house with no roads, only marked trees, and brush [*illegible*], so as to go twisting about so as to go around the logs (that same fall the Tamarack school house was built) and that was the beginning of the privileges for intellectual development.

Do you think the kids of today would do any better with the same privileges than we did? I think it doubtful. Well that was the intellectual opportunity that I was finished with. Not much more schooling did I or your mother get. Work, work, and dig, dig. My older brothers both married in a few years, when we had not more than twenty acres improvement on the farm. That left me the oldest boy at home with your mother [Annis (Fuller) Dexter] largely my guide, I a green 16 year old boy with sufficient care on my shoulders for a mature man of forty to carry. From that time forward, the closest and most affectionate relations existed between your mother and myself. It was but natural. My father had been afflicted with Rheumatism more or less for several years, and was at times quite irritable and mother was very fleshy [swollen], and both to some extent, had become discouraged, and I don't wonder at it; for one of the oxen died; from four cows we were reduced to one; we had 32 sheep and the wolves had stampeded and killed 11 in one night. I remember that we had 24 pigs and had made them a nest right across the road from Levi's old house and covered it over. They were nice choats, weight from 80 to 100 pounds, and one night in the fall of the year, just before going to bed, a bear fell upon them and they scattered, and seventeen of them never returned. All such things when a body is struggling to get a start in a new country are burdens that hurt. But the old house was even a home for everybody that came. William Wardle came first. Then later in the fall (I don't remember the year) James Wardle and

family came and moved into the house with us and stayed until he got his house built in the spring.

This will give you a little idea of the close relation of the Wardles, which has ever existed.

I think it was in the year 1836 that the log meeting house was built. I know in the year of 1838 elder Weaver and Wm. Barrett held a series of meetings which drew into the Church about sixty members and the next year about 20 more. That fixed the destiny of the Church. Your mother and Aunt Melissa [*(Fuller) Dexter*] and my mother were members of the Baptist Church when they came to Michigan and walked to Mooreville and joined the Church there at its organization in, I think, 1834. The membership of that church extended from Paint Creek [Paint Creek was a community on the western edge of Augusta Township] within two miles of Ypsilanti to the Macon west and south of Mooreville, and south east to Pools and Poses, and North West to Judds.

Well, during all this time your father [William Dexter] had worked for others and had bought one hundred and 20 acres of land and had hired some cleaned; and got a house built and bat[?] old orchard set up; and it came to be understood that he was to be married in the fall of 1839. I had worked out one year for $109 and had bought a good set of clothes for about $25 including hat and shoes—father had the rest.

Now, if you suppose there had been no fun or pleasure during those years, it would scarcely be true for had we not made maple sugar every year, and had not boys and girls too been at our house when we sugared off, and had I not taken the steers and sled and gone visiting, and sometimes taken your mother to meetings nights, and many times lighted her and others through the woods with a torch. Ask Maria Tate if she is still living. She knows; and again had I not in the spring of 39 been elected Corporal and your father 2nd Lieutenant, with Mike Cook 1st Lieutenant, and Othniel Gooding Captain and was I not called upon to recite aloud the law to the Company? I say yes.

That is just the time I began to feel that I could learn to be a man. I tell you Alva, if you want a fellow to be somebody, show him the way to get good clothes, and some money, and if that doesn't bring him out, he isn't worth fooling with. That was the first good suit of clothes that I ever had. I had enjoyed them just about one year and had been in company with your mother and others some, when one night, after I had been digging potatoes in October about 2 o'clock in the morning, I was aroused by the screams of my mother calling my name. I can hear that cry yet, in imagination. I got out and pulled on my pants but could not get down for the stairs were all on fire. I had a younger brother sleeping with me and we soon crawled out of the gable end of the house. There fortunately stood a ladder that had been used for picking, and we were soon safe but too late to save the house or much of the furniture. Three beds, a bunch of yarn was all there was left. I had an old pair of pants and shirt, no hat, shoes or stockings, without coat or vest. My mother without even a dress or bonnet. That put a stop to all further thought of marriage for one more year, and I had time to think, but I did not go into company again for nearly two years. Fortunately for your mother, she was at work for Mrs. Sanford, and had most of her clothes with her. That was about the last straw that broke the back of my father and mother. They never regained their former confidence. They were old. Mother had dislocated her shoulder and was crippled a long time.

But there is one thing to remember. That was the kindness manifested by the Community, for we had an extensive acquaintance, and a new house was built. Bedding and old clothes furnished so that none of us froze or starved. I suppose there was not another house in the Township or farmhouse in the County that had so many valuable dishes and relics as were

consumed by that fire. I think it was early in the year 1842 that your father married my favorite sister, and most confidential friend. During that time we had cleaned off and fenced twelve acres on what you know as the Measures lot. Father and Utter [*Fuller*] had taken a job and cleaned 20 acres of land for Farley Phillips, and Levi [*Fuller*] and I had a large share of the work to do, John [*Fuller*] and Thomas [*Fuller*] were getting to be good big boys at that time and could do chores at home.

Your father about that time bought that piece of land of McIntyre where he built the new house. Utter had sold out to John Dexter and bought where he lived when you knew him. I was to have had that lot, and Utter the corner lot, but it fell through, and perhaps that is enough for your use. Just one word more, I had become somewhat ambitious, and married in 1844, and sold out down in the old neighborhood. I bought and built near Blakeslee. I had put forth my best energies in behalf of the Church and Sunday School, and I lived to find out just what you will find true in time, and that is that a Church is like a dry sponge, always absorbing the wealth and labor of its members. At forty five, I found that those that had attended close to their own business, instead of the public's business, were better off than I was, and I got out. Now, Alva, if you have a fortune to give away, stick to it. But if your health fails and people begin to kick you for not doing as you have done in the past, remember—look at Wheeler and Andrews, and Uncle Thomas Fuller. That's enough.

- My father was born in Dutchess Co. in 1782.
- My mother born in Berkshire, Mass, Sept. 1789. They were married Sept. 6, 1807.
- Thursa was born Nov. 17, 1810.
- Martin was born Sept. 26, 1812. Martin was killed by a bull July 18.
- Utter was born May 11, 1814.
- Alva was born Dec. 31, 1815.
- Melissa was born August 12, 1817.
- Annis was born Jan. 23, 1819
- James was born April 18, 1821
- Levi was born Oct. 14, 1822
- William was born Aug. 7, 1824. He died Feb. 26, 1825.
- John was born Nov.1, 1825
- Thomas was born Nov. 25, 1827
- Polly was born June 14, 1829, and died Sept. 5, 1830
- Cromwell was born Feb. 18, 1831

Well, Alva, if this affords you half as much pleasure in reading as it has me in writing, we shall be even.

J. H. F.

I might have told you that we went on the Canal Boat to Buffalo and on steam boat from Buffalo to Detroit. I suppose you guessed as much.

J. H. Fuller

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REV. FRIEDRICH SCHMID'S BAPTISMAL RECORDS, 1847–1875, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(Part Eight)

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The original records of Rev. Friedrich Schmid are currently housed and may be accessed in The Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Please note that the handwriting of Rev. Schmid is not easily deciphered, in part due to his penmanship. The records contain entries written in old German script and some using English script. In addition, the pages in his records are not numbered. It is our understanding that he kept notes as he traveled and then entered them into his record books when he returned home. This may explain that while the records are fairly complete there are some gaps or omissions.

We have maintained the spelling Rev. Schmid used in the case of names. Items enclosed in parentheses are usually comments or notes of the translators or indicate alternate spellings. The term "geb." in relation to a female name, refers to "born as" or maiden name.

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(Left hand pages – a.) "Chronological Number" of the child for that particular year; Name of Child; Parents Names; Place; Birth Date.
(Right hand pages – b.) Baptismal Date and Place; Sponsors Names (sometimes marital status or relationship of the sponsors are listed).
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Year 1854 (continued)

61a. Friedrich (Schlee); Joh. Schlee; B. Schlee; Lodi; 10 May (18)54;
61b. 11 May (18)54; Frid Laubengaier; and his wife.
62a. Frid. Barbara (Häussel); Christ. Häussel; Ann Hansel; Lodi; 3 May (18)54;
62b. 11 May (18)54; Jak. Hornung; and Joh. Hornung; and wife of J. Lutz.
63a. Burkhardt (Strähle); Joh. Strähle; Cath Strähle; Westphalia; 2 Sep. (18)53;
63b. 16 May (18)54; Burkhardt Schönlein.
64a. Elisabeth (Boct); Martin Boct; Cath. Boct; Westphalia; 1 Jun. (18)53;
64b. 16 May (18)54; Mich. Schönlein; and Elisabeth Widmaier, single.
65a. Johannes (Schölammer); Fr. Schölammer; Cath. Schölammer; Westphalia; 28 Oct. (18)53;
65b. 16 May (18)54; Strahle.
66a. Joh. Gilbert (Gutekunst); J. Gutekunst; Cath. Gutekunst; Lansing; 20 Jan (18)54;
66b. 14 May (18)54; Ullrich Heimerdinger; and Geterita Schlee.
67a. Joh. Willhelm (Reimer); J.G. Reimer; --- Reimer; Lansing; 20 Mar. (18)54;
67b. 14 May (18)54; W. Humbrecht; and his wife.
68a. Joh. Georg (Schwarz); Mich. Schwarz; Chr. Schwarz; Lodi; 20 May (18)54;
68b. 21 May (18)54; J. G. Seger; and his wife.
69a. Anna Rosina (Maier); Gottl. Maier; Fridrica Wolf; Lodi; 22 May (18)54;
69b. 27 May (18)54; Gottl. Gruber; and his wife.
70a. Catha. Louise (Stollsteimer); Ehrandt Stollsteimer; B. Stollsteimer; Lodi; 15 May (18)54;
70b. 27 May (18)54; J. G. Stierle; and Louise Ugele.

71a. Willhelm (Derendinger); --- Derendinger; ---Derendinger; Saline; 16 Mar. (18)54;
71b. 28 May (18)54; the parents.
72a. Regina (Hartenstein); Joh. Hartenstein; Cath. Kalmbach; Ann Arbor; 12 Apr. (18)54;
72b. 30 May (18)54; the mother.
73a. Anna (Erchlimann); Joh. Erchlimann; Els. Erchlimann; Lodi; 28 Apr. (18)54;
73b. 3 Jun. (18)54; Jakob Reitsch; and his wife.
74a. Joh. Phillip (Hönnes); Fr. Hönnes; Barb. Hönnes; Freedom; 10 May (18)54;
74b. 4 Jun. (18)54; Phillip Marquart; and his wife.
75a. Anna Maria (Spatthelf); J. G. Spatthelf; Ch. Spatthelf; Freedom; 26 May (18)54;
75b. 4 Jun. (18)53; Chr. Kiebler and his wife.
76a. Heinrich (Braun); Joh. Braun; A. M. Braun; Scio; 16 May (18)54;
76b. 4 Jun. (18)54; Fried. Ziegler; and his wife.
77a. Maria Catharina (Andres); J. Andres; Louise Andres; Scio; 1 Jun. (18)54;
77b. 11 Jun. (18)54; Mich. Andres; and his wife.
78a. Eva Maria (Schröter); Ad. Schröter; M. Schröter; Ann Arbor; 26 May (18)54;
78b. 11 Jun. (18)54; Gottl. Bross; and wife of Fr. Ziegler.
79a. Friedrich (Miller); Gottl. Miller; B. Miller; Freedom; 7 Jun. (18)54;
79b. 17 Jun. (18)54; J. G. Laubengaier; and wife of Fr. Laubengaier.
80a. Jacob (Schäfer); Jakob Schäfer; M. Schäfer; Bridgewater; 19 May. (18)54;
80b. 17 Jun. (18)54; Phil. Kiefer; and his wife.
81a. Catharina (Lebumb); S. Lebumb; Cath. Lebumb; Bridgewater; 6 May (18)54;
81b. 17 Jun. (18)54; the grandparents, Becker.
82a. Chri. Maria (Mauch); Joh. G. Mauch; Barb. Mauch; Bridgewater; 2 Jun. (18)54;
82b. 18 Jun. (18)54; Leonhardt Mauch; and Jakob Miller; and wife of Phil. Kiefer; and Cath. Koch.
83a. Anna Barbara (Ehemann); --- Ehemann; --- Ehemann; Ann Arbor; 16 May (18)54;
83b. 18 Jun. (18)54; Wiedmaier; and Barb. Ehmann.
84a. Maria Barbara (Stäbler); Fr. Stäbler; Cath. Stäbler; Scio; 4 Jun. (18)54;
84b. 19 Jun. (18)54; Joseph Wagner; and Dorothea Burkhardt.
85a. Nathanael (Schmid); Fr. Schmid; Louise Schmid; Ann Arbor; 20 Jun. (18)54;
85b. 23 Jun. (18)54; Grandparents Mann; and grandmother Schmid.
86a. Willhelm (Huttenlocher); Willh. Huttenlocher; Chr. Huttenlocher; Waterloo; 16 Jun. (18)54;
86b. 25 Jun. (18)54; grandmother Schneckenberger.
87a. Carol. Barbara (Hoffmann); Chr. Hoffmann; --- Hoffmann; Waterloo; 23 Jun. (18)54;
87b. 25 Jun. (18)54; J. Freiermuth; and his wife.
88a. Joh. Jacob (Haag); J. Haag; --- Haag; Waterloo; 12 Apr. (18)54;
88b. 25 Jun. (18)54; Martin Sattler; and his wife.
89a. Heinrich (Mögel); J. G. Mögel; N. Mögel; Waterloo; 2 Jun. (18)54;
89b. 25 Jun. (18)54; Hannwald; and his wife.
90a. Willh. Heinrich (Bollenger); Jakob Bollinger; --- Bollinger; Freedom; 23 Mar. (18)54;
90b. 29 Jun. (18)54; Chr. Bollinger; and his wife.
91a. Maria (Brenner); Christ. Brenner; --- Brenner; Scio; 23 Jun. (18)54;
91b. 29 Jun. (18)54; Mich. Stein; and his wife.
92a. Georg (Jedele); J. G. Jedele; N. Jedele; Lodi; 23 Jun. (18)54;
92b. 30 Jun. (18)54; Martin Jedele; and Rosina Jedele, single.
93a. Joh. Gottlob (Fiegel); Jak. Fiegel; Fr. Fiegel; Freedom; 19 Jun. (18)54;
93b. 1 Jul. (18)54; Joh. Fiegel; and wife of M. Schaible.
94a. Gottlob Emanuel (Beck); J. Beck; Cath. Beck; Scio; 31 May (18)54;
94b. 2 Jul. (18)54; Mich. Fritz; and wife of D. Luic.
95a. Anna Maria (Mühlig); Fl. Mühlig; Chr. Mühlig; Ann Arbor; 11 Jun. (18)54;
95b. 2 Jul. (18)54; Chr. Bonett; and his wife; and wife of Joh. Raus.

96a. Joh. Jacob (Weimer); --- Weimer; --- Weimer; Ann Arbor; 18 Jun. (18)54;
96b. 2 Jul. (18)54; J. Werner, single; and wife of A. Armbruster.
97a. Gottlieben (Schuh); J. Schuh; ---; Ann Arbor; 26 Mai (18)54;
97b. 2 Jul. (18)54; Jak. Viesel; and Chr. Gotz.
98a. Carolina Emilie (Mast); --- Mast; ---; Ann Arbor; 28 Jun. (18)54;
98b. 8 Jul. (18)54; the parents.
99a. Alwiena Barbara (Kärcher); C. Kärcher; ---; Lima; 18 May (18)54;
99b. 9 Jul. (18)54; grandmother Osius.
100a. Margaretha (Kärcher); J. G. Kärcher; M. Kärcher; Lodi; 23 Jun. (18)54;
100b. 9 Jul. (18)54; J. Lutz; and wife of Joh. Schäible.
101a. Joh. Michael (Huber); J. Huber; ---; Freedom; 23 Jun. (18)54;
101b. 9 Jul. (18)54; Mich. Heimerdinger; and wife of Carl Stollsteimer.
102a. Carl (Sindlinger); Joh. Sindlinger; M. Sindlinger; Lansing; 20 Jun. (18)54;
102b. 16 Jul. (18)54; Carl Wildt; and his wife.
103a. Margaretha (Wackenhut); Chr. Wackenhut; ---; Lansing; 12 Jun. (18)54;
103b. 16 Jul. (18)54; Fr. Alton; and Maria Herrmann.
104a. Barbara (Seicht); Will. Seicht; Rosina Seicht; Jackson; 28 Jul. (18)53;
104b. 17 Jul. (18)54; the parents.
105a. Johannes (Bässler); Pet. Bässler; Ros. Bässler; Ann Arbor; 2 Jul. (18)54;
105b. 23 Jul. (18)54; Joh. Bengel; and wife of M. Fritz.
106a. Sara Maria (Kern); Rudolf Kern; --- Kern; Scio; 8 Jul. (18)54;
106b. 23 Jul. (18)54; Edwin Kern; and Cath. Schweizer, single.
107a. Joh. Georg (Jedele); Jakob Jedele; Martha Jedele; Scio; 22 Jul. (18)54;
107b. 23 Jul. (18)54; Jakob Röhm; and Maria Jedele, single.
108a. Willhelm (Grossmann); Mich. Grossmann; M. Grossmann; Ann Arbor; 12 Jul. (18)54;
108b. 23 Jul. (18)54; the parents.
109a. Barb. Cath. (Ullrich); Theo. Ullrich; Barb. Ullrich; Bridgewater; 26 May (18)54;
109b. 29 Jul. (18)54; J. Schneider, grandfather; and wife of J. Essig.
110a. Elise Barb (Birkle); J. Birkle; ---; Ann Arbor; 4 Jul. (18)54;
110b. 30 Jul. (18)54; Lud. Fritz; and his wife; and Jak. Bässler.
111a. Louise Christina (Sipfle); Fr. Sipfle, T. Sipfle; Ann Arbor; 19 Jul. (18)54;
111b. 30 Jul. (18)54; Fr. Dreher; and his wife.
112a. Marian (Blum); Phl. Blum; ---; Ann Arbor; 14 Apr. (18)49;
112b. 30 Jul. (18)54; the parents.
113a. Carl (Blum); Phl. Blum; ---; Ann Arbor; 2 ½ years old (1852?);
113b. 30 Jul. (18)54; the parents.
114a. Jonas Christian (Gotz); --- Gotz; ---; Waterloo; 10 Jul. (18)54;
114b. 6 Aug. (18)54; Gottfr. Maier; and his wife.
115a. Maria (Gutekunst); Fr. Gutekunst; M. Gutekunst; Lodi; 31 Jul. (18)54;
115b. 12 Aug. (18)54; J. Esch; and his wife and wife of J. G. (surname illegible).
116a. Agatha (Renstler); J. Renstler; --- Renstler; Lodi; 10 Aug. 1854;
116b. 19 Aug. 1854; Math. Schaible; and his wife.
117a. Christian (Renstler); Ja. Renstler; Feronica Frey; Scio; 13 (18)54;
117b. 20 Aug. (18)54; Christian Frey; and Christina Schuhmacher, single.
118a. Joh. Jacob (Hedinger); Joh. Hedinger; Cath. Barb. Hedinger; Ann Arbor; 1 Aug. (18)54;
118b. 22 Aug. (18)54; the parents.
119a. Johannes (Walz); Joh. Walz; Martha. Walz; Jackson; 2 Aug. (18)54;
119b. 27 Aug. (18)54; Fr. Reinhardt; and Maria Schweiger.
120a. G. Joh. Gottlieb (Böttner); Conradt Böttner; Sara Böttner; Bridgewater; 21 Aug. (18)54;
120b. 30 Aug. (18)54; J. G. Böttner; and his wife.

121a. Heinrich (Drugsess); --- Drugsess; ---; Ann Arbor; 2 Jun. (18)54;
121b. 3 Sep. (18)54; J. Maier; and his wife.
122a. Joh. Adam (Koch); Adam Koch; ---; Ann Arbor; 20 Jul. (18)54;
122b. 5 Sep. (18)54; Ludwig Fritz.
123a. Margaretha (Bonett); Chr. Bonett; M. Bonett; Lodi; 6 Sep. (18)54;
123b. 7 Sep. (18)54; Jos. Jedele; and wife of Fl. Mühlig.
124a. Cath. Ma. Magdl. (Blais); Thomas Blais; Cath. Blais; Bridgewater; 16 May (18)54;
124b. 9 Sep. (18)54; --- Hartbeck; and his wife.
125a. Margaretha (Keefer); Ph. Keefer; Ch. Keefer; Bridgewater; 7 Aug. (18)54;
125b. 9 Sep. (18)54; Will. Reinfrank; and his wife.
126a. Joh. Georg (Lang); Martin Lang; Margr. Lang; Freedom; 22 May (18)53;
126b. 10 Sep. (18)54; J. G. Herter; and wife of J. Wagner.
127a. Johana Cath. (Hochsteder); Martin Hochsteder; Johana Hochsteder; Ann Arbor; 13 Nov. (18)54;
127b. 10 Sep. (18)54; the parents.
128a. Anna Maria (Wall); --- Wall; ---; Waterloo; ---;
128b. 10 Sep. (18)54; H. Stattler; and his wife.
129a. Johanes (Rauschenberger); Christof Rauschenberger; Gottl. Rauschenberger; Ann Arbor;
30 Aug. (18)54;
129b. 17 Sep. (18)54; Joh. Rauschenberger; and Carol. Nesper, single.
130a. Helena Elisabeth (Schneeberger); Joh. Schneeberger; M. Schneeberger; Freedom; 3 Sep. (18)54;
130b. 24 Sep. (18)54; Jos. Schneeberger; and his wife; and Cath. Gross, single.
131a. Elisabeth (Kirn); Fr. Kirn; M. Kirn; Ann Arbor; 7 Sep. (18)54;
131b. 24 Sep. (18)54; Martin Braun; and his wife.
132a. Jacob Friedrich (Hutzel); J. Hutzel; Fridrica Hutzel; Lodi; 7 Sep. (18)54;
132b. 27 Sep. (18)54; Joh. Georg Stäbler; and wife of J. G. Laubengaier.
133a. Heinrich (Mandt); H. Mandt; ---; Lodi; 18 Sep. (18)54;
133b. 27 Sep. (18)54; Heinrich Guthardt, single; and wife of Ad. Schneider.
134a. Maria Cath. (Stierle); Jakob Stierle; Reg. Stierle; Freedom; 21 Sep. (18)54;
134b. 3 Oct. (18)54; Jak. Laubengaier; and wife of Jak. Gross; and wife of D. Haas.
135a. Matheis (Wuster); A. Fr. Wuster; Eli Wuster; Bridgew.; 20 Aug. (18)54;
135b. 7 Oct. (18)54; G. A. Kusterer; and his wife.
136a. Ammalia (Strobel); Math. Strobel; ---; Marshall; 17 Jun. (18)54;
136b. 8 Oct. (18)54; the parents.
137a. Mar. Frid. Mathilde (Heine); Carl Heine; El. Heine; Marshall; 27 Jul. (18)54;
137b. 8 Oct. (18)54; Chr. Bonnet, single; Frca. Katz; and Fridca. Leist (or Luft).
138a. Chri. Friedrich (Kuhn); Will. Kuhn; El. Kuhn; Ann Arbor; 11 Sep. (18)54;
138b. 9 Oct. (18)54; Fr. Kuhn; and wife of Joh. Wagner.
139a. Fridrica Maria (Vogel); J. Vogel; ---; Freedom; 17 Jul. (18)54;
139b. 11 Oct. (18)54; Carl Vogel; and Fridrica Vogel, single.
140a. Fr. Adam (Strieter); Joh Strieter.; Fr. Strieter; Freedom; 30 Aug. (18)54;
140b. 11 Oct. (18)54; A. Obermiller; and his wife.
141a. Marg. Louise (Stäbler); J. Stäbler; ---; Freedom; 20 Aug. (18)54;
141b. 11 Oct. (18)54; J. Wacker; and wife of Fr. Stäbler.
142a. Martha Mathilde (Hirt); M. Hirt; El. Hirt; Ann Arbor; 8 Sep. (18)54;
142b. 15 Oct. (18)54; Simon Hirt; and Maria Dreher, single.
143a. Emilie (Rauschenberger); J. Rauschenberger; Fr. Rauschenberger; Ann Arbor; 11 Sep. (18)54;
143b. 15 Oct. (18)54; Will. Binder; and Dor. Laubengaier.
144a. Emanuel (Oberschmidt); ---Oberschmidt; ---; Scio; 15 May (1854);
144b. 15 Oct. (18)54; Joh. Feldkamp; and wife of Ortmann.
145a. Friedrich (Walz); Joh. Walz; M. Walz; Bridgew.; 27 Sep. (18)54;
145b. 15 Oct. (18)54; Fr. Walz; and wife of G. A. Kusterer.

146a. Chri. Catharina (Fausel); Christ. Fausel; Lous. Fausel; Freedom; 7 Oct. 1854;
146b. 19 Oct. 1854; the parents.
147a. Justina (Schill); Fr. Schill; M. Schill; Clinton; 24 Sep. (1854);
147b. 21 Oct. (1854); J. Wiedmaier; Justina Widmaier [sic], single.
148a. Catharina (Giglet); Heinrich Giglet; Barb. Giglet; Bridgew.; 13 Oct. (1854);
148b. 21 Oct. (1854); J. Armbrust; and wife of Peter Bauer.
149a. Joh. Georg (Gutekunst); Joh. Gutekunst; ---Gutekunst; Ann Arbor; 25 Sep. (1854);
149b. 22 Oct. (1854); the parents.
150a. Catharina (Lehmann); Mich. Lehmann; M. Lehmann; Sylven; 9 Oct. (1854);
150b. 25 Oct. (1854); Math. Schaible; and his wife.
151a. Theodor Ludwig (Limpert); L. Lembart [sic]; M. Lembart [sic]; Ann Arbor, 7 Oct. (1854);
151b. 29 Oct. (1854); J. Jakob Seger; and widow Louise Mühlig.
152a. Chr. Dorothea (Kern); Ed. Kern; ---; Scio; 17 Oct. (1854);
152b. 29 Oct. (1854); Peter Kern; and his wife; Georg Träger; and his wife, grandparents.
153a. Joh. Gottl. Willhelm (Schock); J. G. W. Schock; A. Maria Schock; Ann Arbor; 18 Oct. (1854);
153b. 27 Oct. (1854); Fr. Kempf.
154a. Pauline Lo. Cath. (Gaisenhofer); J. Gaisenhofer; Frid. Gaisenhofer; Lansing; 5 Sep. (1854);
154b. 6 Nov. (1854); J. G. Balduf; and his wife; and Cath. Däles.
155a. Matheis (Nufer); ---Nufer; ---; "ditto" (Lansing); ---;
155b. 7 Nov. (1854); J. Nufer; wife of G. Pfitzenmaier.
156a. Anna Maria (Schmid); J. G. Schmid; A. M. Schmid; Lodi; 1 Nov. (1854);
156b. 11 Nov. (1854); David Enis; and his wife.
157a. Johannes (Schäufle); J. G. Schäufle; Regina Schäufle; Lodi; 5 Sep. (1854);
157b. 11 Nov. (1854); Joh. Schäufle; and Maria Häussle, single.
158a. Daniel (Günthner); Joh. Günthner; M. Günthner; "ditto" (Lodi); 25 Oct. (1854);
158b. 11 Nov. (1854); Daniel Schweiger; and his wife.
159a. Friedrich (Volz); Joh. G. Volz; Maria Volz; Scio; 19 Oct. (1854);
159b. 13 Nov. (1854); Chr. Volz; and Louise Schmid, single.
160a. Louise Cath. (Kärcher); Mich. Kärcher; Dor. Kärcher; Lima; 8 Nov. (1854);
160b. 18 Nov. (1854); J. G. Zahn; and wife of J. Paul; and wife of Fr. Gross.
161a. Maria Barb. (Nufer); Ferdinand Nufer; M. Nufer; Freedom; 6 Nov. (1854);
161b. 18 Nov. (1854); Fr. Nufer; and wife of J. Riethmiller.
162a. Joh. Christian (Walz); Franz Walz; Barb. Walz; "ditto" (Freedom); 11 Nov. (1854);
162b. 19 Nov. (1854); Joh. Haab; and his wife.
163a. Abraham (Stollsteimer); J. G. Stollsteimer; Maria Stollsteimer; Scio; 11 Oct. (1854);
163b. 19 Nov. (1854); Abr. Hirt; and his wife; and grandmother, Pfeifle.
164a. Christian (Gutekunst); Chr. Gutekunst; ---; Marshall; ---;
164b. 19 Nov. (1854); the parents.
165a. Joh. Georg (Widmaier); Fr. Widmaier; M. Widmaier; Marshall; ---;
165b. 19 Nov. (1854); the parents.
166a. Joha. Dorothea (Mäyle); J. G. Mäyle; Dro. Mäyle; Marshall; ---;
166b. 19 Nov. (1854); Joh. Eggeler, single; and grandmother Eggeler.
167a. Joh. Christian (Schmid); Chr. Schmid; ---; Marshall; ---;
167b. 19 Nov. (1854); David Schmid; and Christina Pfeifer.
168a. Carl (Vogt); J. Vogt; ---; Marshall; ---;
168b. 19 Nov. (1854); Christian Vogt; Fr. Walz.
169a. Regi. Barbara (Stierle); J. Stierle; M. Stierle; Lodi; 14 Nov. (1854);
169b. 22 Nov. (1854); J. Eckert; and wife of Abrh. Stollsteimer.
170a. Charlotte (Kassel); Phil. Kassel; Cath. Kassel; Waterloo; 26 Jul. (1854);
170b. 26 Nov. (1854); the parents.

171a. Conradt (Hildinger); Ad. Hildinger; M. Hildinger; Bridgewater; 7 Nov. (1854);
171b. 3 Dec. (1854); Jak. Bauer; J. Mährle; wife of P. Bauer; and J. Hildinger.
172a. Gottfried (Jedele); Gottf. Jedele; F. Jedele; Ann Arbor; 16 Nov. (1854);
172b. 4 Dec. (1854); Simon Lutz; and wife of Ph. Lutz.
173a. Paul (Christmann); Paul Christmann; M. Christmann; Ann Arbor; 28 Nov. (1854);
173b. 4 Dec. (1854); Ernst Schlack; Rosina Kempf, single.
174a. Frid. Carolina (Grossmann); J. Grossmann; Cr. Grossmann; Ann Arbor, 17 Nov. (1854);
174b. 10 Dec. (1854); Martin Jedele; and Fridrica Katz, single.
175a. Christina (Kübler); Chr. Kübler; El. Kübler; Lansing; 7 Nov. (1854);
175b. 17 Dec. (1854); M. Bonet; Chr. Reiter.
176a. Willhelm (Nagel); L. Nagel; M. Nagel; Lansing; 21 Nov. (1854);
176b. 17 Dec. (1854); Carl Wildt; and wife of W. Humbrecht.
177a. Magdl. Sophia (Wildt); C. Wildt; M. Wildt; Lansing; 1 Dec. (1854);
177b. 18 Dec. 1854; Mich. Heimerdinger; wife of J. Paul.
178a. Chr. Cath. (Heiligmann); J. Heiligmann; ---; Jackson; 14 Dec. (1854);
178b. 19 Dec. (1854); Joh. Ceibolt; and Chr. Schäfer, single.
179a. Cath. Paulina (Feicht); J. Feicht; ---; "ditto" (Jackson); 12 Oct. (1854);
179b. 19 Dec. (1854); F. Alexa Eichel; and Cath. El. Ries.
180a. Dorothea (Raus); Pet. Raus; M. Raus; Lodi; 30 Nov. (1854);
180b. 20 Dec. (1854); H. Kaufmann; Dorothea Haussle, single.
181a. Carolina (Bollinger); J. Bollinger; M. Bollinger; Freedom; 12 Dec. (1854);
181b. 20 Dec, (1854); Jak. Haug, grandfather; wife of A. Haug.
182a. Cath. Maria (Bareit); Joh. Bareit; Barb. Bareit; Ann Arbor; 7 Dec. (1854);
182b. 24 Dec. (1854); A, Hutzel; and Cath. Metzger.
183a. Catharina (Häussle); J. M. Häussle; Maria Häussle; Freedom; 19 Dec. (1854);
183b. 25 Dec. (1854); Math. Schaible; and his wife.
184a. Joh. Ludwig (Künzle); Lud. Künzle; Ma. Künzle; Plymouth; 18 Nov. (1854);
184b. 26 Dec. (1854); Jak. Weber; Abona Miller.
185a. Fr. Will. Augst. (Mayer); Gottf. Mayer; A. Mayer; Waterloo; 15 Dec. (1854);
185b. 26 Dec. (1854); Fr. W. Schnabelrauch; and his wife.
186a. Lina W. Louise (Mönch); Math. Mönch; Chri. Mönch; Waterloo; 11 Dec. (1854);
186b. 26 Dec. (1854); Gottf. Maier; and wife of Schnabelrauch.
187a. Maria Elisabeth (Freiermuth); Joh. Freiermuth; Barb. Freiermuth; Waterloo; 14 Dec. (1854);
187b. 27 Dec. (1854); G. Mögel; and his wife.
188a. Maria Emilie (Bleicher); Carl Bleicher; M. Bleicher; Webster; 8 Nov. (1854);
188b. 28 Dec. (1854); Mich. Burkhardt; Christina Fiegel.
189a. Maria Carolina (Burkhardt); Chr. Burkhardt; M. Burkhardt; Webster; 8 Dec. (1854);
189b. 28 Dec. (1854); Mich. Burkhardt; Christina Fiegel.
190a. Anna Cathlia (Feldkamp); Joh. Feldkamp; Adl. Feldkamp; Freedom; 12 Dec. (1854);
190b. 30 Dec. C. Kuhl, grandfather; and grandmother Feldkamp.
191a. Phill. Willhelm (Hanke); Will. Hanke; Br. Hanke; Lima; 16 Oct. (1854);
191b. 31 Dec. (1854); Phill. Schenk; and his wife.
192a. Reg. Louisa (Marquart); J. Marquart; M. Marquart; Freedom; 26 Nov. (1854);
192b. 31 Dec. (1854); J. G. Niessle; J. G. Gross; and his wife; and wife of M. Heimerdinger.

[*This is the end of the records for the year 1854*]

(*Baptism records to be continued*)

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF ARNOLD SCHOOL, DEXTER TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 1941

Contributed by Nancy H. Krohn

The history of Arnold School, Dexter Township District Number 1 Fractional, was written by the school's eighth grade pupils in April 1941 and is found in the files of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The following lists of students and teachers and some of the historical information are extracted from the 1941 history and printed courtesy of the Bentley.

Dexter Township District Number 1 Fractional was composed of Dexter Township Sections 35, 36, and parts of Sections 25 and 26, and also extended south into some parts of Lima Township. A designation as fractional is used when a Michigan school district contains land from two or more townships. The school for District Number 1 Fractional was the Arnold School which was named for Mr. Joseph Arnold. Joseph Arnold was born in 1797 in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York. His first purchase of land in Washtenaw County was in 1825 when he purchased 160 acres in Section 36 of Dexter Township. The present day Island Lake Road and Wylie Road intersect in this property. Joseph Arnold donated land for the school which first appears on the 1856 plat map of Bechler, Wenig and Co. The name of the school was soon changed from Arnold School to Green School. The original building burned in 1933 and when the new school was built in 1934 the name was changed back to Arnold School.

At the time of the writing of the school history in 1941, the current teacher was Miss Helen Murray and the pupils were:

Gretchen Steeb, Eighth Grade
Janice Hashley, Eighth Grade
Barbara Bradbury, Eighth Grade
Helen Green, Fifth Grade
Margaret Green, Fourth Grade
James Draper, Third Grade
Robert Stephens, Third Grade
Wilma Brassow, Second Grade
Jackie Clark, Second Grade
Anna Jean Draper, Second Grade
Grace Steeb, First Grade
Jean Clark, Beginner

The following children were listed as having entered the school April 7, 1941:

David Witt, Fourth Grade
Jean Witt, Second Grade
Glenda Mae Witt, First Grade

This list of teachers is included with the history as written in 1941. It is not known what records or whose memories were consulted. Spelling is as found on the document.

Alice McGuiness	1904–1905	Clarabelle Robards	1922–1923
Mae Namara	1905–1906	Helene McGuinn	1924–1926
Patia Stebbins	1906–1908	Friedman	1926–1927
Mildred Walsh	1908–1910	Laura Tessemer	1927–1928
Eva Beecher	1910–1912	Helene McGuinn	1928–1929
Carrie Stoffer	1912–1913	Marjorie Monaham	1929–1930
Clara Harris	1913–1914	Helen Mittchell	1930–1931
Camilla McGuinn	1914–1915	Edith Cochrin	1931–1933
Jay Bowne	1920–1921	Mary Parker	1933–1934
Marjorie Bowne	1921–1922	Lucy Engle	1934–1940

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THE SHUBAEL HAMMOND FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

A transcription of the family Bible records of the Shubael Hammond family is located at the Ypsilanti Historical Society Museum. Shubael's name is found spelled numerous ways in this and other records. The spelling "Shubael" is how it is found on his gravestone. The museum kindly granted permission to the GSWC to publish the transcription in addition to holding a copy in the GSWC Bible Records Registry. The Hammond family records were transcribed by the late Doris Milliman, who was a member of the Ypsilanti Chapter DAR, member of the GSWC and Ypsilanti Historical Society archivist.

Frontispiece: *The New Testament of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ translated out of The Original Greek: and with the former translation diligently compared and revised.* Philadelphia; Jesper Harding, 1847.

Marriages:
Shubiel Hammond and An Stephens was married Feb. 22 1809
Hannah M. Hammond married 1836

Births:
Shubial Hammond was born Jan. 16, 1789 [*Ed. Note: The Bible record transcription lists his birth month as "Jan.", his birth month was transcribed "Jun." in the additional record.*]
Ann Stephens was born Oct. 14, 1794

Their sons and daughters

Harrison Hammond was born Dec. 24th, 1812
Hannah M. Hammond was born Oct. 16th, 1814
Oliver Hammond was born Jan. 6th, 1817
Bathsheba Hammond was born July 20, 1819
Morris Hammond was born Mar. 14, 1821
Elizabeth Hammond was born May 8, 1823
John Hammond was born Feb. 14th, 1825
Harriet Hammond was born April 18, 1827
Shubial Hammond was born July 24th, 1829
James Hammond was born Feb. 19, 1831
Mary Hammond was born Apl. 4, 1833
Ann Hammond was born Jan. 11, 1835
George Hammond was born Mar. 25th, 1837

Deaths:
Elizabeth Hammond died Oct. 29, 1837

[*The following is taken from a printed "Family Record" form, partially filled out and placed in the Bible.*]

Name	Oliver Hammond	Wife's Name	Mary Reynolds
Birthplace	Montville, Conn	Date of Marriage	___
Date of Birth	1741	Date of her birth	___
Place of Death	Kingman Mountain, Pa.	Place of death	Southport, N.Y.
Date of Death	Aug. 18, 1795	Date of Death	___
Residence	Wyoming Pa. & Southport, N.Y.	Her Father's Name	David Reynolds
Father's Name	Amariah Hammond	Her Mother's Name	___
Mother's Name	Mary Dudley	Residence of Wife's Parents	Conn.

Names of Children	Born	Died
Rhoda		
Libbeus	1782	
Anne		
Olive		
Lucy		
Shubael	Jun. 16, 1789 [*sic*]	July 27, 1864
Martin	July 27, 1791	July 1865

GSWC Bible Records Registry

POLL LISTS, SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 1837

Transcribed by Nancy H. Krohn

Among the earliest extant poll lists for Washtenaw County are two 1837 lists for Superior Township found in the Washtenaw County, Michigan records, at Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan and are printed courtesy of the library. Michigan achieved statehood on January 26, 1837 and these elections were held later that year. On August 21st and 22nd, representatives to Congress were elected while representatives to the state legislature, state officers and various county officers were elected on November 6th and 7th.

For ease of searching, the two lists are combined and sorted alphabetically by surname. The August list has 207 names and the November list 218. The original lists were ordinally numbered with the given name followed by surname. The names of the clerks do not appear on either list. Spelling remains as found on the original. Names that were especially difficult to read are marked with **.

Code: Aug.xxx = Poll List August 21 & 22, 1837.ordinal number on original list.
Nov.xxx = Poll List November 6 & 7, 1837.ordinal number on original list.

ANDREWS, Frederick	AUG.032	BENEDICT, Trowbrige	NOV.201
ANDREWS, Frederick	NOV.062	BENNETT, Luther	AUG.088
ANDREWS, Thomas K.	AUG.075	BENTLY, John	NOV.109
ANDREWS, Thos. K.	NOV.041	BICKNELL, James	NOV.023
BABCOCK, A. C.	AUG.174	BISHOP, Lemon	NOV.213
BABCOCK, Anson	AUG.160	BLACKWOOD, Thomas	AUG.080
BABCOCK, Anson	NOV.182	BLACKWOOD, Thos.	NOV.112
BABCOCK, Arnold C	NOV.094	BLOUNT, Lemuel	AUG.078
BABCOCK, Jonathan	AUG.140	BLOUNT, Lemuel	NOV.125
BABCOCK, Johathan	NOV.092	BONNEL, Stephen D	NOV.212
BABCOCK, Joseph	AUG.139	BONNELL, S. D.	AUG.199
BABOCOCK, Joseph	NOV.153	BOTSFORD, David	NOV.204
BACON, Jacob	AUG.146	BOUCK, Abraham	AUG.046
BAGLEY, Jenks C.	AUG.064	BOUCK, Abram	NOV.120
BAGLEY, Jesse	AUG.106	BOUCK, Adam	AUG.001
BAGLY, J. C.	NOV.099	BOUCK, Adam	NOV.103
BAGLY, Jesse	NOV.104	BOUCK, Alexander	AUG.019
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CORRECTION

In the recent article, "An 1831 Letter from S. Northam to His Brother, Washtenaw County, Michigan," (*Family History Capers*, Vol. 39, No. 4 (Summer 2016), page 73) the Samuel Dexter who led a party of 62 settlers from Herkimer, New York to Ionia County in 1833 is misidentified as the man of the same name who founded the village of Dexter, Michigan. They are two different men with the same name. "Thank You" goes to Dexter historian and GSWC member, Nancy Van Blaricum, for the correction.

News-Pages of the GSWC

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GSWC Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. at the Education Center Auditorium, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan, usually the fourth Sunday of the month, September to May.

Upcoming Meetings Fall, 2016:

Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016: "They Didn't All Come Through Ellis Island—Finding and Analyzing Passenger Lists". Class: "Finding Living Relatives—Reverse Genealogy" both by Katherine Willson.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016: "Researching Your Home's History" by Pat McCauley. **Class: "My First Proof Argument. Did I Prove My Case?"** by Barbara Snow. (See Barbara's article in *Family History Capers* Vol. 39 No. 4: "The Origins of Elias Withey of Livingston County, Michigan" to see what you think.)

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017: "**Researching the Records of Great Britain"** presented by Jeffery Mason**. Class: "Tips for Using Findagrave"** by Rodger Wolf.

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Report on Recent Meeting:
September 25, 2016: "Using Land Records in Genealogical Research" by Shirley Gage Hodges. Ms. Hodges began with some advice she received when she was starting out: People move—land doesn't! Therefore, land records can be useful in gathering valuable information about our ancestors. Bounty Land Warrants were given to soldiers for wartime service from 1778-1855. Soldiers were given land in areas determined by the government. If they died in battle, their heirs could inherit this land. Many original documents were sent to prove eligibility. Find a map that is correct for the years being researched, as boundaries change as time passes.

There are two types of land description systems in use:

- **Metes and Bounds**—This system relies on physical objects, such as streams, rocks, and trees to describe a parcel of land, making it difficult 100 years later to know exactly where the boundaries are. Researchers need to follow the land history to get the best description.
- **Public Land or Rectangular Survey System**—This system is the one being used in our area. It starts with a baseline and principal meridian then plats out rectangular townships consisting of 36 rectangular sections. Sections are subdivided into quarters. A quarter section was the standard parcel size for sales.

Deed information is found in the county office of the Registrar of Deeds. Tracking how ancestors disposed of property is as important as how they acquired it. Make sure to check the names of all those who signed the deed, even as witnesses, as they were often family members.

To find information about upcoming speaking engagements by Shirley Gage Hodges, go to the website of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, http://www.genealogicalspeakersguild.org/ and put in her name.

Reported by Tim Salatin

Class: "Searching in Your Ancestors' Backyard" presented by John Philip Colletta via DVD from "Great Courses". Mr. Colletta asked if you had ever walked in the footsteps of an ancestor. He discussed four areas of research in the area where your ancestor lived: cemeteries, churches and synagogues, libraries and historical societies and city directories.

In cemeteries, tombstones usually have the death date, sometimes birth, once in a while relationships and "old country" locations, plus scripture references. There might be veteran's markers. Check for tombstone transcription sites such as http://www.findagrave.com. Bring a trowel and shears, maybe chalk for tracing letters which are hard to read. Remember some people may have been buried on the family farm.

Church and synagogue records are especially important before the 19th century. Many governmental agencies (such as counties) didn't require the preservation of vital records early on. In Michigan, the year is 1867 for births and deaths. Baptism, marriage and burial information can be found in church records, once you locate the exact church, mostly written by hand. Some of these records are being microfilmed. Check the family search catalog. Jewish records include minutes of meetings, record of births, marriages, and organizations. Look for a repository, if the congregation no longer holds the original records. Some produced written histories.

Local libraries and historical societies may have vertical files with obituaries, newspaper clippings and other materials. The librarian or historian often has knowledge of where to find items about your families,

or "their people may have known your people". Ask about newspaper indexes, and local organizations or businesses.

City Directories were begun in Boston and Philadelphia at the end of the 18th century. They often published school information, government names and contained advertisements. Some had maps and listings by street address.

Don't forget to check state archives for records from counties, cities, towns or villages. Check PERSI for materials published by local organizations in their periodicals. Join a local genealogical or historical society to learn more about your area.

Suggested Reading from the Transcript Book:

Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo. *Your Guide to Cemetery Research*

Dougherty, Richard W. "Church Records" Chapter 6 in *The Source*

Sack and Mokotoff. *Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*

The handout for this speech is available on the GSWC website, http://washtenawgenealogy.org/, sign in, then go to "Members Only Downloads", "Class Handouts".

Reported by Marcia McCrary

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GSWC Items:

The **GSWC Board** usually meets at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of the month at the Saline Library (NOT the LDS Library). All are welcome to attend. If you would like a copy of the Agenda and Reports, email info@washtenawgenealogy.org. Minutes are available at the LDS Library in Saline.

A **survey** about the GSWC will be available at the October meeting, and by clicking on the button marked "GSWC Survey" on the homepage at www.washtenawgenealogy.org. It covers, among other topics, your reactions to *Family History Capers* and suggestions for the future.

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Genealogy Happenings:

Western Michigan Genealogical Society Annual Seminar is set for **October 14 and 15**. Titled: "Got Ancestors!" It will feature Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List. The location is the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College. For Registration: by mail, or online, go to http://GotAncestors.com/registration/

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society's Fall Seminar will be held on Saturday, **November 5, 2016**, with Speaker: William J Priest discussing: **"Genealogy Standards: What They Are and Why We Need Them!"; "Using Notes and Events to Their Greatest Potential!";"Organizing Your Paper and/or Electronic Records";"Planning a Successful Genealogy Research Trip"**
Additional details to be announced. http://wwcgs.org/

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Genealogy Gems: Basic Naturalization Rules

In the last two issues, we reviewed basic rules of naturalization and records it generated. In this issue, we'll review census clues for an immigrant's naturalization status as well as where to locate these records online.

Before searching for naturalization records, review the 1900 through 1940 censuses for year of immigration and naturalization status. "AL" was noted if the immigrant had not started the process, "PA" was noted if a Declaration of Intent had been filed, and "NA" was noted if the immigrant was naturalized.

Using clues found on those census forms, we can head to the major genealogy websites to search the Immigration & Naturalization collections. Here, we'll specifically look at how to navigate through FamilySearch, Ancestry and the National Archives:

http://familysearch.org --> Search --> Records --> Find a Collection --> Browse All Published Collections. Then choose filters from the left column: "USA;" "Migration & Naturalization;" and relevant time period (results may or may not be indexed).

http://www.ancestry.com --> Search --> Immigration & Travel. Then narrow the categories by choosing "Citizenship & Naturalization;" "Filter by Location–U.S.;" "Filter by State;" and narrow the range of years.

http://www.archives.com --> Shop Online --> Order Reproductions --> User Login --> Order Reproductions --> Immigration & Naturalization Records --> Naturalization Records --> Electronic Transfer --> Add to Cart.

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